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Classroom Activities

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Air travel halted by volcanic ash (Page 1)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Air travel halted by volcanic ash'.

Answer questions 1-15.

1. What is the name of the volcano in Iceland that erupted?

2. What is a subglacial volcano?

3. Explain what happens when a subglacial volcano erupts.

4. Why does Iceland have a lot of volcanic activity?

5. Why did the volcanic ash spread over northern Europe?

6. Why did the ash force airports to close?

7. What do airlines in Europe have to do under European Union (EU) law?

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8. Why have the European airlines complained about this?

9. When and where did the first eruption occur?

10. From where did the first reports of damage to aircraft come?

11. How many flights were cancelled over the six-day period?

12. What did larger European airline companies do to show the ash was not dangerous?

13. Of what have many people accused the authorities that ordered the closure of the airports?

14. What did many travellers in Europe decide to do?

15. How much money are airline companies thought to have lost over the six-day period?

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Elections in Sudan (Page 3)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Elections in Sudan'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Jimmy Carter is a former prime minister of the UK.		
2. Sudan is the largest country in Africa.		
3. Most of the oil produced in Sudan is sold to the USA.		
4. Omar al-Bashir is the leader of the NCP.		
5. Darfur is an independent country.		
6. South Sudan is expected to vote to become an independent country in 2011.		
7. The International Criminal Court has said President al-Bashir should be arrested.		
8. A referendum is a vote in which all adults can take part.		
9. President al-Bashir has been the Sudanese leader since 1989.		
10. Most of the people living in South Sudan are Arab Muslims.		

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Ice-measuring satellite (Page 15)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Ice-measuring satellite'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

European Space Agency

United Nations

Ross Ice Shelf

Greenhouse effect

Fossil fuels

ESA

Ice sheet

Kazakhstan

Carbon dioxide

Greenland

Ice measurements

Oil, gas and coal

Launch site

Cryosat-2

Polar ice

Antarctica

IPPC

North and South Poles

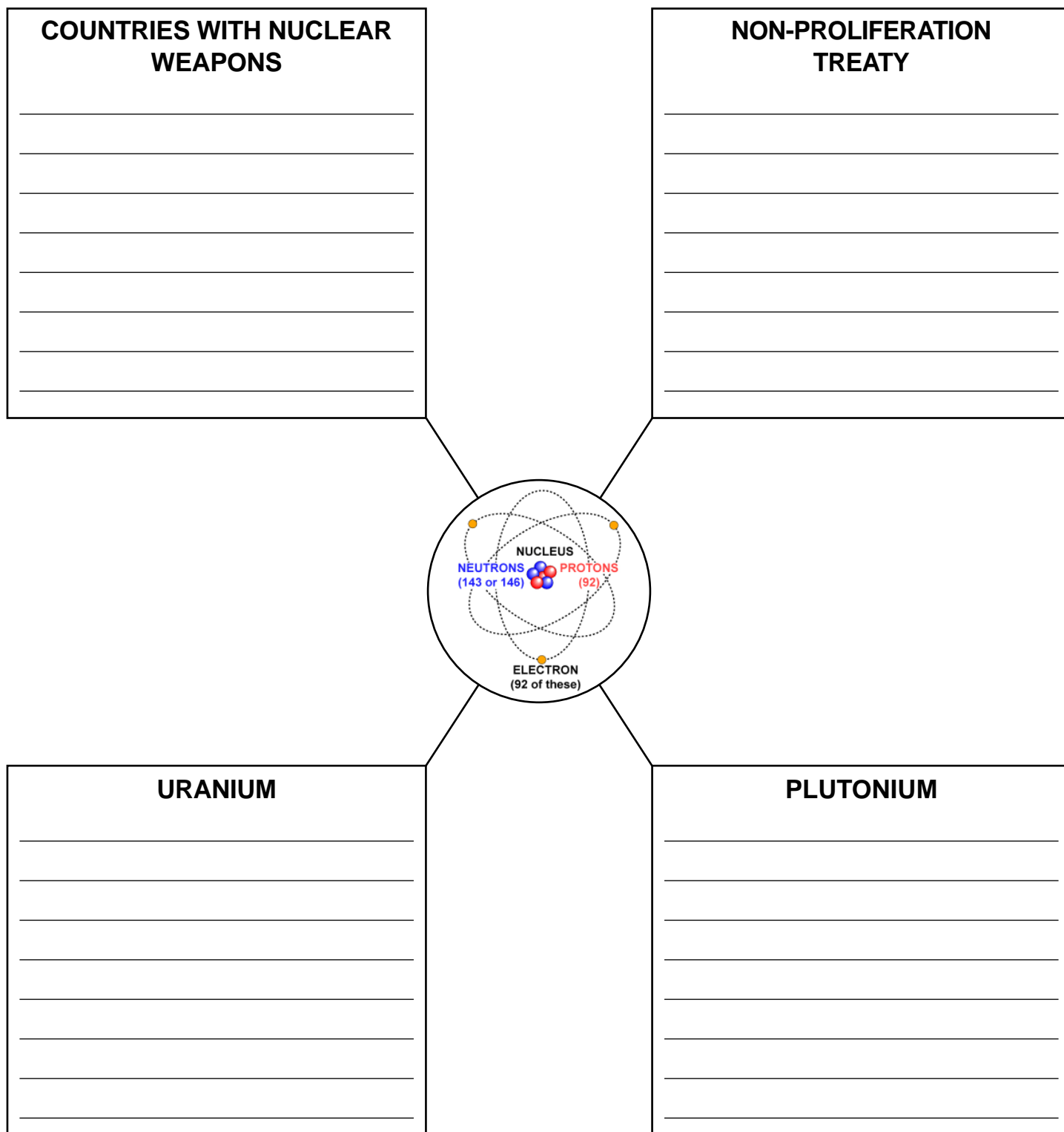
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Nuclear weapons and nuclear power (Page 5)

Instructions: Read the article 'Nuclear weapons and nuclear power' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.



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'Revolution' ends in Kyrgyzstan (Page 7)**Instructions:** Read the article "Revolution' ends in Kyrgyzstan'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-10. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____
A. Belarus.
2. Q. _____
A. Osh.
3. Q. _____
A. Kurmanbek Bakiyev.
4. Q. _____
A. Roza Otunbayeva.
5. Q. _____
A. Making sure family members and close friends get important jobs.
6. Q. _____
A. Revolution.
7. Q. _____
A. US\$60 million (£40 million).
8. Q. _____
A. Electricity, oil and gas.
9. Q. _____
A. Russia and the USA.
10. Q. _____
A. Bishkek.

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Funeral for Polish president (Page 13)

Instructions: Read the article 'Funeral for Polish president'.
Answer questions 1-6.

1. To where was the Polish president's plane travelling and why was it going there?

2. Explain the roles of Poland's president and prime minister.

3. Explain what happened at Katyn.

4. What changed in 1990?

5. What happened when news of the crash was heard by people living in Warsaw?

6. Where was the funeral held?

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World Map (Page 12)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. IZRABAL

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2. LUAESAAIRT

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3. NALYDPO

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4. SEIPPLHIIMPN

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5. ARNNEFC

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6. TRAYNRYKGZS

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7. KENDGRAM

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Mystery country =

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Issue 117 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 117. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

India

Luzon

Annelids

Environmental Prize

Geologist

Qinghai

Russia

Bertrand Delanoë

Hominid

Kumbh Mela

Poland

Goldman

Uranium

Tokelau

Jiegu

Australia

Gorilla

Warsaw

Johannesburg

Paris

Marsupial

Leeches

Quoll

Vladimir Putin

South Africa

Philippines

Pacific Ocean

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 117 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 117 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Which of the following countries is not a BRIC member?**
 - a. Indonesia
 - b. China
 - c. Russia
 - d. Brazil
 - e. India
2. **Where is the L'Atalante basin?**
 - a. At the North Pole
 - b. In Antarctica
 - c. Under the Mediterranean Sea
 - d. In the Amazon Rainforest
 - e. In Iceland
3. **In which Central Asian country do the USA and Russia have military bases?**
 - a. Tajikistan
 - b. Turkmenistan
 - c. Kyrgyzstan
 - d. Kazakhstan
 - e. Belarus
4. **Which pharaoh from ancient Egypt began a monotheistic religion?**
 - a. Tutankhamun
 - b. Akhenaten
 - c. Smenkhkare
 - d. Amenhotep
 - e. Thutmose
5. **How many mountains in the world are over 8,000 metres (26, 247 feet) high?**
 - a. 9
 - b. 11
 - c. 14
 - d. 15
 - e. 18
6. **What will the Cryosat-2 satellite measure?**
 - a. Ice in the Earth's polar oceans
 - b. The magnetic field of the Sun
 - c. The gravity of the Moon
 - d. Saturn's rings
 - e. Distances within the Milky Way
7. **By what name is the parliament in Poland known?**
 - a. Diet
 - b. Knesset
 - c. Sejm
 - d. Doyle
 - e. Duma
8. **Of which country is Hu Jin-tao the president?**
 - a. Japan
 - b. Taiwan
 - c. Vietnam
 - d. China
 - e. Cambodia
9. **Of which African country is Darfur a part?**
 - a. Sudan
 - b. Chad
 - c. Ethiopia
 - d. Libya
 - e. Somalia
10. **On which river would you find 'Paris-Plages'?**
 - a. Adour
 - b. Dordogne
 - c. Seine
 - d. Meuse
 - e. Loire